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SUBJECT: KIM IL SUNG VISIT TO PRC

REF: A. PEKING 743; B. HONG KONG 4424

1. SOUNDING AMONG PEKING DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY REFLECT
CONSIDERABLE UNANIMITY THAT KIM'S VISIT TO PEKING WAS A) AT
PYONGYANG'S INITIATIVE; B) ON SHORT NOTICE; AND C) SEEN BY
NORTH KOREA AS A MEANS OF EXPLORING WAYS TO CAPITALIZE ON
DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA TO STEP UP PRESSURE ON THE ROK.
(REF A). SEVERAL DIPLOMATS HAVE COMMENTED ON THE FACT THAT
THE ONLY NORTH KOREAN OTHER THAN KIM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
SMALL PRIVATE MEETING WITH MAO FOLLOWING THE PICTURE TAKING
SESSION WAS DPRK CHIEF OF STAFF O CHIN YU, WHO IS
NOT THE SECOND RANKING MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION. NO ONE IN
THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY HARD INFORMATION ON
SUBJECTS DISCUSSED, BUT THE ASSUMPTION IS THAT MILITARY MATTERS
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FIGURED PROMINENTLY.

2. PROTOCOL HAS INFORMED SEVERAL WESTERN DIPLOMATS THAT THE RETURN BANQUET FOR KIM IL SUNG WILL TAKE PLACE FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 25. WE ASSUME, THEREFORE, THAT KIM WILL DEPART FOR PYONGYANG ON SATURDAY, AND WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT A JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE. NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO PIN THE KOREANS DOWN ON WHETHER KIM PLANS ANY FURTHER TRAVELS, BUT THE SOVIETS HERE ARE PUSHING THE IDEA THAT HE MAY RETURN TO PYONGYANG AND THEN JOURNEY TO MOSCOW.

3. TEN HSIAO-P'ING HAS CONTINUED HIS LEADING ROLE AS KIM'S PRINCIPAL INTERLOCUTER. ALTHOUGH AS REPORTED REF A, THE PRINTED TEXT OF TENG'S WELCOMING ADDRESS DISTRIBUTED AT THE BANQUET OMITTED ANY REFERENCE TO HIS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CHAIRMAN MAO OR CHOU EN-LAI, THE NCNA ENGLISH VERSION WHICH CAME OUT AFTER THE BANQUET CORRECTED THIS OVERSIGHT AND HAS TENG WELCOMING KIM ON BEHALF OF MAO, THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. INCIDENTALLY, CHINESE INCLUDED DOG MEAT IN GREAT HALL BANQUET MENU, PLEASING THE NORTH KOREANS BUT OFFENDING THE ARABS AND ALL DOG LOVERS PRESENT. ONE AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED THE BANQUET AS THE GRIMMEST HE HAD EVER ATTENDED. BUSH

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